Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Berheim was born to Elmer and Tessie Berheim on November 22, 1948, the fourth of nine children; and,

Whereas, Upon graduation from high school, John immediately began serving his country, enlisting in the North Dakota Army National Guard in May 1967, transferring to the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1972, and the South Dakota Air National Guard in 1981; and,

Whereas, John began his career with the South Dakota Highway Patrol on May 1, 1970, serving for over 21 years at duty stations in Plankinton, Sioux Falls, and Pierre where his dedication and loyalty earned him the rank of Captain; and,

Whereas, John graduated from Command School in Montgomery, Alabama, in June 1992, served in Panama with Task Force Rushmore, was a member of the military's International Shooting Team, and earned three meritorious service medals, two Air Force commendation medals, and four Air Force Achievement medals before retiring from the South Dakota Air National Guard in 2000; and,

Whereas, John continued to serve the people of South Dakota, preparing road reports for State Radio from 1996 to 1998, working for the Division of Emergency Management from 1998 to 2003, and becoming the director of the South Dakota Office of Homeland Security for the Department of Public Safety in 2003; and,

Whereas, John's wife, Kristi; children, Sheryl, Alan, Jake, and Justin; and grandchildren, Josh and Brandon, will all join with other family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating John on a successful career and a well-deserved retirement; and,

Whereas, John Berheim will retire November 21, 2008, giving him the time he desires to hunt, fish, farm, and spend time with his family:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends and family as they recognize John for his dedication, compassion, and commitment to the people of South Dakota and this great country.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State